



BIOGRAPHY

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REAR ADMIRAL (Lower Half) CHRISTOPHER CONLAN AMES **U.S. Navy**

Rear Admiral (Lower Half) Christopher Conlan Ames is the director of Plans and Policy (J5), United States Transportation Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

Prior to reporting to USTRANSCOM, the admiral was commander, Amphibious Squadron THREE. During his 26-year career, the admiral was the assistant navigator, USS AMERICA (CV 66); commanding officer, Patrol Squadron 16; commanding officer, Amphibious Assault Ship USS TARAWA (LHA-1); and deputy for operations, United States Pacific Command. He is a Naval aviator with more than 2,000 hours in the P-3C aircraft.



EDUCATION:

1976 Bachelor of science, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1991 Masters in public administration, The John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1976 – August 1976, student, Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, Fla.
2. August 1976 – February 1977, student, Training Squadron 2, Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Fla.
3. February 1977 – February 1977, student, Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.
4. February 1977 – July 1977, student, Training Squadron 31, Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas
5. July 1977 – November 1977, student, Patrol Squadron 31, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.
6. November 1977 – January 1981, instructor pilot/senior NATOPS pilot evaluator, Patrol Squadron 48, Moffett Field, Calif.
7. February 1981 – March 1982, Joint Chief of Staff intern, Strategic Planner, J5 Strategy Division, Plans and Policy Directorate, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
8. April 1982 – October 1982, aide and administrative assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy and Operations, OP-06, the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.
9. October 1982 – December 1983, flag lieutenant, Third Fleet, Pacific
10. December 1983 – April 1986, assistant navigator, USS AMERICA (CV-66), aircraft carrier, Atlantic
11. April 1986 – May 1989, maintenance officer, Patrol Squadron 30, then operations officer, Patrol Squadron 24, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.
12. May 1989 – July 1990, assistant Washington placement, Naval Military Personnel Command, Washington, D.C.
13. July 1990 – June 1991, student, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.
14. July 1991 – February 1994, executive officer, then commanding officer, Patrol Squadron 16, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.
15. February 1994 – May 1994, executive assistant to the commander, Patrol Wing 11, Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.
16. May 1994 – August 1994, under instruction, Senior Officer Ship Material Readiness Course,

- Newport Naval Station, R.I.
17. August 1994 – December 1997, executive officer, then commanding officer, USS TARAWA (LHA 1), Amphibious Assault Ship, Pacific
 18. December 1997 – July 2000, deputy for Operations, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii
 19. August 2000 – April 2002, commander, Amphibious Squadron THREE, San Diego, Calif.
 20. April 2002 – present, director of Plans and Policy (J5), United States Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Naval aviator

Flight hours: More than 2,000

Aircraft flown: P-3C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with gold star

Meritorious Service Medal with gold star

Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with two gold stars

Navy Unit Commendation

Meritorious Unit Commendation

Navy Expeditionary Medal

National Defense Service Medal with bronze star

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Ensign	Jun 2, 1976
Lieutenant (junior grade)	Jun 2, 1978
Lieutenant	Jul 1, 1980
Lieutenant Commander	Oct 1, 1984
Commander	Sep 1, 1990
Captain	Sep 1, 1995
Rear Admiral (lower half)	Sep 1, 2002

(Current as of September 2002)